

## Message Text

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R 090900 Z JUN 73

FM AMEMBASSY KABUL

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3646

INFO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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E. O. 11652: ADS DECLAS 6/30/74

TAGS: PINT, PGOV, AF

SUBJ: RUMORS OF ELECTION POSTPONEMENT

REF: KABUL A-30, MAY 18, 1973

1. DURING PAST WEEK RUMORS OF POSSIBLE POSTPONEMENT PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS ( SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AUGUST 26) PICKED UP CONSIDERABLELY. LOWER HOUSE SECRETARY AND CHAIRMAN HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BOTH RECENTLY TOLD POLOFF THAT PROBLEMS WITH JUDICIARY PARTICIPATION IN ELECTION SUPERVISORY COMMITTEES MENTIONED REFAIRGRAM COULD RESULT IN ELECTION POSTPONEMENT, OR REPLACEMENT SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE ZIAYEE WITH LESS INDEPENDENTLY MINDED INDIVIDUAL ( EX- DEP. PRIMIN HAMED WAS NAMED AS STRONG POSSIBILITY), OR BOTH.

2. JUNE 6 SESSION SENATE INCLUDED EXTENDED REMARKS OF SOME SENATORS RE UNDESIRABILITY POSTPONING ELECTIONS FOR ANY REASON DUE PROBABLE DAMAGE TO AFGHAN DEMOCRACY. THESE COMMENTS APPEARED TOTALLY GRATUITOUS AS NO REPEAT NO PUBLIC MENTION CONCERNING EVEN POSSIBILITY OF POSTPONEMENT HAS YET OCCURRED.

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3. COMMENT: WHOLE ELECTION SCENE STILL VERY MURKY, ALTHOUGH  
EMBASSY BELIEVES APPARENT CRISIS OVER ELECTIONS NOT REPEAT  
NOT ENGINEERED FROM RGA SIDE. IT APPEARS IN GREATER INTEREST  
PRESENT GOVERNMENT HOLD ELECTIONS ON SCHEDULE IN ORDER MAINTAIN  
MOMENTUM SHAFIQ HAS ALREADY OBTAINED.  
DECON JUNE 30, 1974.  
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